

# WASHINGTON STATE

## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

### MONTHLY REPORT

*December 2004*

CATEGORY	DEC 2004	DEC 2003	YTD 04	YTD 03
CSEPP INCIDENTS	5	8	51	44
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	8	13
FIRE	13	7	373	505
HAZMAT	161	136	1959	1727
OTHER	13	25	261	260
911 OUTAGES	6	3	33	34
SAR	37	42	591	607
TERRORIST	0	0	0	1
WEATHER	9	8	75	59
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	244	229	3352	3250

#### LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On December 2, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for Northeast Washington and for the Western slopes of the North and Central Cascades. The watch was upgraded to a Winter Storm Warning on December 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Northeastern part of the state. All Watches and Warnings were finally cancelled on December 4<sup>th</sup> without any impact to the state.

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- On December 4, the West Coast and Alaska Warning Center issued a Tsunami bulletin for a 4.8 magnitude earthquake which occurred 95 miles SW of Fairbanks, Alaska. There was no Tsunami generated.
- On December 6, the West Coast and Alaska Warning Center issued a Tsunami bulletin for a 6.8 magnitude earthquake which occurred in Hokkaido, Japan. There was no Tsunami generated.
- On December 7, the National Weather Service issued a series of Gale Warnings for inland Puget Sound Waters, a Marine Storm Warning for the Washington Coast, and a Winter Storm Watch for NE Washington. All Watches and Warnings were canceled without major impact to Washington State.
- On December 25, the West Coast and Alaska Warning Center issued a Tsunami bulletin for a magnitude 9.0 earthquake which occurred off the coast of Sumatra. There was no Tsunami generated for the west coast of the United States.
- On December 31, The National Weather Service issued a Heavy Snow Warning for Yakima, Klickitat, and Kittitas Counties until 6 PM New Year's Day. A Heavy Snow Warning was also issued for the Willapa Hills of Southwest Washington until the morning of New Year's Day.
- On December 31, the West Coast and Alaska Warning Center issued a Tsunami bulletin for a magnitude 6.6 earthquake which occurred off the west coast of Sumatra. There was no Tsunami generated for the west coast of the United States.
- For the month of December 2004 the SEOO's:
  - Issued 108 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
  - Issued 36 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
  - Conducted 598 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
  - Coordinated 4 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
  - Participated in 17 exercises of which 11 were vessel spill drills

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- Made 996 and answered 1231 telephone calls
- Conducted 61 National Warning System Tests, conducted 250 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
- Conducted 55 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Conducted 3 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 8 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)
- Conducted 22 down wind trajectory connectivity communications tests with the Umatilla Military Storage Depot (D2PUFF)